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## CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2015

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Wyoming is forecast to total 1.47 million tons this year, up from 1.27 million tons produced in 2014, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 490,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, unchanged from 2014. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 3.00 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 2.60 tons per acre and the August forecast of 3.00 tons per acre. Producers expect to harvest 560,000 acres of **other hay** in 2015, down 10,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 840,000 tons, down 13 percent from 969,000 tons a year ago. Other hay yield is expected to average 1.50 tons per acre, compared to last year's yields of 1.70 tons per acre and the August forecast of 1.50 tons per acre.

**Sugarbeet** production in Wyoming is forecast at 955,000 tons, up 15 percent from the 834,000 tons produced in 2014. Growers expect to harvest 30,800 acres this year compared with 30,000 a year ago. Yields are expected to average 31.0 tons per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast and up from last year's yield of 27.8 tons per acre. As of September 27, Wyoming's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 10 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 23 percent excellent. Harvest of sugarbeets was estimated at 15 percent complete, compared to 11 percent last year and the 5-year average of 14 percent.

**Dry bean** production for 2015 is forecast at 649,000 hundredweight, down 19 percent from the 799,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 2,200 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds per acre from the August 1 forecast and up from 2,130 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 29,500 acres this year, down 8,100 acres from the 37,600 acres harvested last year. As of September 27, Wyoming's dry bean crop condition was rated 11 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 24 percent excellent. Dry bean harvest was estimated to be 57 percent complete, compared to 18 percent last year and the 5-year average of 46 percent.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture** dry hay for 2015 is forecast at 63.2 million tons, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 3 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.45 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from August and up 0.12 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.3 million acres, unchanged from August, but down less than 1 percent from 2014.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 79.2 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 1 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.07 tons per acre, down 0.02 ton from August but up 0.04 ton from last year. If realized, yield would be a record high for the United States. Harvested area is forecast at 38.2 million acres, unchanged from August but down 1 percent from 2014.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2015 crop year is forecast at 34.8 million tons, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 11 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down slightly from 2014. Expected yield is forecast at 30.4 tons per acre, an increase of 0.2 ton from the previous forecast and up 3.0 tons from last year.

United States **dry edible bean** production is forecast at 28.1 million cwt for 2015, down 4 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.76 million acres, up 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.71 million acres, 2 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,648 pounds per acre, a decrease of 105 pounds from 2014.

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